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FM AMEMBASSY KAMPALA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3337

INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF EMBASSY: FINAL CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

REF: STATE 221966

1. THIS WILL BE FINAL CLASSIFIED MESSAGE FROM THIS EMBASSY IN ITS PRESENT INCARNATION (WE HOPE). WE ARE CEASING TO FUNCTION AS OF MIDDAY NOVEMBER 10. I HOPE TO SIGN THE "PROTOCOL DE REMISE" WITH AMBASSADOR KOPF AROUND NOONTIME.

2. JIM MARK DEPARTED FOR NAIROBI AND DAR THIS MORNING.

3. PERFORMANCE OF STAFF OF THIS EMBASSY HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING DURING THESE PAST FEW DIFFICULT WEEKS. I INTEND TO MAKE THIS A CONFIDENTIAL

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MATTER OF RECORD THROUGH MEMORANDUMS TO PER, BUT WISH TO SAY

IN ADDITION THAT PAT KENNEDY, FOR THE PAST THREE WEEKS, AND JIM MARK, FOR THE LAST WEEK, HAVE BEEN OF IMMENSE ASSISTANCE, AND I DON'T THINK WE WOULD HAVE MADE IT WITHOUT THEM.

4. GREATLY APPRECIATE DEPT'S EFFORTS WITH WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT (REFTEL). SINCE I HAVE NOT BEEN TELEPHONED BY AMBASSADOR KOPF, THINK WE CAN ASSUME HE HAS RECEIVED HIS INSTRUCTIONS AND WILL CARRY THEM OUT.

5. I HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO RE-ESTABLISH THIS POST IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE, NOT BECAUSE WE NEED IT PARTICULARLY--THE UNITED STATES CAN GET ALONG WITHOUT UGANDA--BUT BECAUSE IT WOULD MOST PROBABLY MEAN THAT GENERAL AMIN HAD DEPARTED FROM THE LOCAL SCENE. THE REAL TRAGEDY IN THIS WHOLE BUSINESS HAS NOT BEEN THAT GENERAL AMIN HAS BEEN UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO GET ALONG WITH US; THE TRAGEDY IS WHAT ONE MAN, WHO IS UNFIT FOR THE OFFICE HE HOLDS BUT WHOM NOBODY APPARENTLY HAS THE GUTS TO REMOVE, HAS DONE, IS DOING AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO TO RUIN THIS COUNTRY OF UGANDA AND ITS TEN MILLION PEOPLE. IN MY OPINION AMIN REACHED A POSITION AT THE UPPER LIMIT OF HIS CAPACITIES WHEN HE WAS A TOP SERGEANT IN THE KING'S AFRICAN RIFLES. EVEN SINCE THEN HE HAS BEEN OVER HIS HEAD, AND TODAY IT IS NOTHING LESS THAN AN EMBARRASSMENT THAT SUCH A DANGEROUS BUFFOON CAN OCCUPY THE POST OF A "CHIEF OF STATE."

6. ED NOSKO, PAT KENNEDY AND I PLAN TO FLY OUT OF ENTEBBE FOR NAIROBI AT 2045 THIS EVENING, INSHALLAH.
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